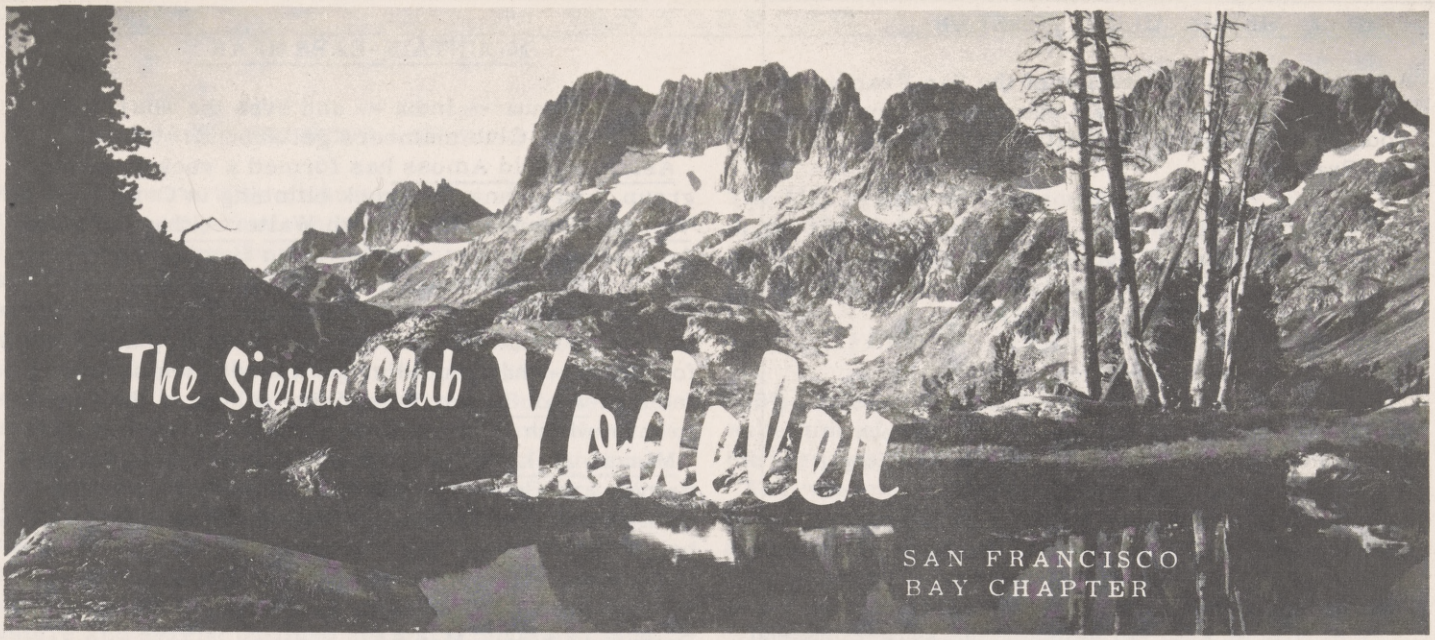

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CONSERVATION: SPECIAL MESSAGE

The state of legislation at Sacramento is about as clear as a creek after a cloudburst. Don't shoot the Yodeler--he's doing his best. Point your pens at Sacramento instead for this is the amount you can help.

It seems the legislators wanted to please everyone so they included in the Budget all the park projects in which we are interested and a great deal more which can be called junk, with no money in sight to pay for any of them. But remembering the fate of the omnibus park bill two years ago, they took precautions to put individual bills into the mill also. A. B. 325 is still the number of the bill which carries the special appropriation for Tamalpais State Park.

The key bill now is the Shell bill, A. B. 2925, which raises the ceiling on money available to the Dept. of Beaches and Parks from seven to ten million per annum. Unless this passes all our efforts may be wrecked on financial rocks, for there will not be enough money to buy additional land on Tamalpais or anywhere else.

Our effort should be to push this bill as strongly as we can. Your own representatives should know it is absolutely necessary in order to buy land for much needed new parks. The next two or three weeks are critical for the Budget will probably be acted on fairly soon and the rest of the appropriation bills are marking time until the financial picture is clear.

If the Budget is passed with our special park items in it we should also be sure to ask Govenor Knight to accept those park projects which have been endorsed as priority items by the State Park Commission, a simple request which the Governor's advisers, working under pressure, can readily understand. Any particular "line item" in the Budget can be vetoed separately and undoubtedly will be unless there is strong argument to the contrary.

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HIKERS' FEAST AT TOURIST CLUB

Phyllis Smith and her eager committee are planning a Gourmet's Delite for you at 5 p. m. Sunday, June 16, to be prepared by Chef Oscar Ortiz and staff. After dinner Herb Sabel will call the dances--folk and square. Remember there are only 90 tickets ($1. 35 each) and they are waiting now.

For tickets contact one of the following:

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Walter Oppenheimer	OVerland 1-5536

Two hikes, long and short, are being offered to give you an opportunity to work up a good appetite. See the schedule for further details.

---Walt Oppenheimer

YODELER READERS--NOTE.

Renewal notices will go out to a number of you during the next five weeks. Please send in your dollars promptly--we also like to go on vacation.

We are sending no "second notices" during the summer. We just go off on a trip and forget it all until September. Then we pull out all those names who have not paid up and start the season afresh. If you want that first issue in September be sure you are on the Paid list.

SEE THE BIG WHEELS TURNING!

The Bay Chapter--your Chapter--executive committee invites your attendance at their next meeting, Monday Evening June 10, 8.p. m., at the home of Don Evers, 5742 Nottingham Drive, Oakland.

The chapter doesn't just run itself, both the chapter and the members are benefited when you take an interested in its operations.

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Remember you have a date with these two items--a letter to your representative on Bill A. B. 2925 (the Shell bill), and when the Budget is passed a request to the Governor to support the projects endorsed by the State Park Commission. As always, support from the members of Chapters throughout the State is of great importance, especially from the south.

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Dave Brower is just home from Washington, where he went to testify before both House and Senate Committees on the Outdoor Recreation Bill. The Committees dealing with this are the House Subcommittee on Public Lands and the Senate Interior Committee. Dave found them very friendly and thinks that since the whole Senate Committee has heard this bill it stands a good chance and may move fast in both the Senate and the House. Opposition came from the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and, strangely, from the Park Service, which dragged its feet so obviously that Committee members were heard to make caustic remarks about the Park Service cooperation. The Secretary of the Interior has declared himself in favor of the bill.

Dave is hopeful that the amendment to protect and study lands in question, which really means a moratorium on disposal of those scenic lands on which there is controversy until the recreation study is complete, will be accepted.

Will you help this bill by writing to the chairmen of these two Committees? Address your letters to Chairman, House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, House Office Bldg., Washington 25; and Chairman, Senate Interior Committee, Senate Office Bldg, Washington 25, D. C. When you write, please urge them to act favorably on the bill, including the amendment to protect and study the lands. Decision is due soon, so please do not delay action.

Chapter Chairmen: please give these requests all the publicity you can in your membership.

--CMC

MOUNTAIN-EARS HEAR

Asia -- Vienna -- India -- and even the zoo! How these Sierra Club members get around!

Asia. Harold Amoss has formed a rock climbing group, and is enjoying rock climbing in Central Asia. Vienna. Friends visited with Walter Althausen at the American Embassy. India. John Bombay and Sylvia Barnett Bombay, both Sierra Club members were married recently at the Church of the Wayfarer in Carmel. Within the next few weeks they plan to leave for India -- that should make it three Bombays in India -- Jean Taylor is teaching school in the same town in which they will live.

Marcia J. Long is now Mrs. Dale Marcellini. Kay Harvey and George Homsey were married April 27 -- George designed the Signal Hill warming hut and Kay helped build it.

Phebe and Herb Hinze announce their "New Hinze '57 Variety" Name: Nancy Ann, Weight: 7 lbs. 1/2 oz., Date: 9:42 p.m., May 5.

Imagine spending a day at the zoo getting climbing hints from the monkeys -- a Sierra Club member is reported to have done just that -- but we won't mention his name -- we don't want to make a monkey out of him.

--- N. P.

MOTHER LODE COUNTRY CAR CAMPING

Joint trip with Garfield Folk Dancers, June 8-9

A gold panning trip! Bring your own gold pans, folks and try your luck. The leaders have secured permission to camp on ranch property, some 14 miles out out of Jackson. No tables available. We can pan for gold along the creek by our camp. Take your fishing rods and maybe we can have a fish fry.

Saturday evening folk dancing will be at the Pioneer Grammar School, while at our camp there will be a small campfire for the non-dancers.

Take your time driving up. Jackson has an interesting historical museum and the road between Jackson and Martell has interesting Goldrush mementos, like the big Kennedy Mine Tailing Wheels. A worthwhile view of the surrounding country can be had from the Pioneer Fire Lookout Station.

Our campsite is near Pioneer on a dirt road, about 4 miles off the main highway (Highway 88). Plan to get to Pioneer about noon or after. This will give the leaders time to get the key to the property from the owner on Saturday morning and to post the arrows to our campsite.

Please call coordinator Pauline Praasterink at PLaza 5-2704 so we can have an idea how many car-groups there are going to be. Gold pans can be bought at several sporting good stores. Smilie's carries them. The small type costs about a dollar.

---Pauline Praasterink

MT. SHASTA SKI TOUR - MAY 4-5

Outside of Shasta City about five miles above McBride's Spring nineteen eager skiers unloaded all their light gear, borrowed crampons and touring skis from various automobiles and proceeded to carry everything on their backs for miles (Hans Ostwald will probably say about one mile) along the road to Sand Flat where they tried to lighten their packs a little by eating lunch. At this point every person became acquainted with the other members of the group and found that indeed we had an unusually fine party, consisting of people who were acquainted with skiing in Norway, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland and Washington. Everyone was interested in the important topics of the day: the weather (it was beautiful, sunny and hot), the mountain (Mt. Shasta stood austere and serene outlined against a cloudless blue sky), and Shasta Alpine Lodge. (The six women in the party were to occupy six of the bunks, but of the 13 fellows who were to use the remaining six bunks - or equivalents?).

The tour from Sand Flat to Shasta Alpine Lodge is up, up through trees, up along ridges, and up just beyond the timber line, with Mt. Shasta and Shastina seldom out of view - just waiting to be climbed.

Once at the Lodge there was still plenty of daylight for picture taking and digging snow caves - one occupied by Erling Hansen in solitary splendor and the other inhabited by Herb Steiner, Don Keller and Marshall Shore, Jr., who when asked by his father whether he didn't think he would need a snorkel for breathing during the night, replied that he was just going to breathe bare air! Hans and Rosemarie Ostwald and Bert Tolbert toured up about 500 feet and showed an admiring group of spectators some very smooth downhill skiing.

After dinner, Herb announced that those who were climbing Mt. Shasta should plan to arise at about 2 a.m. Thirteen decided to join him and the remaining five decided to try another time. Then it was unanimously decided that everyone should sack out early, and immediately ingeniously improvised bunks appeared on the scene. Pete Graf claims that those two benches he slept on stayed together most of the night, and Chuck Edwards found plenty of room outside on the snow with only the stars overhead and the air mattress beneath.

There was no alarm clock in the group so everyone set a mental one. But it was Herb who crawled out of the snow cave and cheerfully announced, "It's 2 o'clock, folks, and a beautiful morning", as he groped around in the dark trying to wake people without treading on the noses of the non-climbers.

Later I asked what it was like climbing in the dark that morning and was told that it was "slightly weird" being unable to distinguish the little "down" from all the "up" and very difficult to know where one really was going. The Heart, Red Banks,

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MOUNTAIN PLAN POSTPONED

The May 19 hike will be conducted on May 26. This is the Mount Play Day hike, which, together with the play, was delayed one week due to the unusually heavy dew on the original date.

FREMONT PEAK CAR CAMPING

900% increase in attendance! That is to say, there were nine of us this time as against only the leader the last time.

The weekend of May 11 and 12 was foggy and rainy, but this is only part of the answer to the limited attendance at Fremont Peak State Park. This region, which has both natural and historical values, deserves to be better known and appreciated.

The whole area surrounding the park is still in a nearly complete wilderness state.

Fremont Peak, the Tamalpais and Diablo of the territory, saw the first raising of the American flag on California soil, and San Juan Bautista, on the way to the peak, boasts the most well preserved mission and old Spanish "plaza", or market place, in the whole state of California.

Ranger Keith Caldwell gave us a most hospitable greeting. At an "indoor campfire" in the toolshed he outlined the problems and potentials of Fremont Peak State Park. It is being recommended to the Car Camping Committee that another trip be planned in conjunction with the Loma Prieta Chapter, with representation from the Conservation Committee.

---Ivan Tarnowsky

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Thumb Rock and Misery Hill became very real landmarks to the members of the climbing party, especially to the seven who reached the register on top: Don Keller, Pete Graf, Chuck Edwards, Carol Schaefer, Dal Samto, Marshall Shore, Sr. and Herb Steiner. The view on top was reported as splendid and well worth the 14,000 feet, and the descent equally as fine. After glissading to their skis it was all down hill to the Lodge and out. This proved so intriguing that some of the party skied down cross-country to McBride's Spring and then hiked back up the road to the cars. (However, this is Rex Rathbone's story to tell).

There was so much fun and such good spirit, and Herb Steiner did such a fine job in organizing and guiding the tour, that Shasta will be a pleasant topic of conversation for all of us for months, or perhaps even years - until we get back there again for another try.

---Betty Klevesahl

NATURAL SCIENCE DIARY

April 28, Glen Ellen. The roughly four mile walk was partly on State Hospital Grounds, partly on land proposed for a Jack London State Park. Co-leader with Connie Menzies was Marianne Shepard, wife of London's grandnephew, a delightful and invaluable guide. The hike skirted the north side of Fern Lake, passed a redwood circle on top of a hill, visited Wolf House, (Jack London's dream house which burned to the ground before it was scarcely lived in), and ended with cookies and punch at the Menzies '.

May 4, Berkeley. Sixteen of us strolled through the University campus and up Strawberry Canyon to join 23 more (lots of children) for a detailed introduction to the University Botanical Garden, which has been developing at the head of the canyon site since 1928. Among the more important collections was one of native plants of central California. Miss Helen-Mar Wheeler, Senior Botanist and Research Associate, showed us this native plant area of several acres and described the various problems of providing suitable soil, climate and plant stock of defined origin suitable for research use. However the staff was concerned about the heavy use of California Poppy seeds by mourning doves. Happily, the doves are "conservation-minded" enough to leave ample seed for replacement. The botanists therefore rejoice in an adequate stand of poppies combining and recombining their germ plasm under approximately natural conditions. The rest of us may enjoy a substantial mass of bloom telling of the springtime glory of the California coastal hills.

May 11-12 - Fort Ross. It's been two years since we checked up on the progress made in restoring the Russian outpost and making the collection of relics into a real museum. A matter of further concern is provision of further recreational space for public camping. We were therefore fortunate in having the curators, Alice and John McKenzie, arrange for a first rate camp site on private land somewhat north of the fort, near the south end of the Kruse Rhododendron Reserve. Three environments were offered for choice: a sandy beach on a sheltered cove, a Bishop pine grove about the beach, and a streamside grassy meadow, the stream being safely and pleasurably potable a short distance uphill from the highway. The spit of rain during the night was not enough to make even those without waterproof shelter retreat to cars.

May 17, San Francisco. Peter Raven reported the progress the California Academy of Sciences has made in its census of the flora of San Francisco, The official tally is 998 special of ferns, fern allies and flowering plants that grow, or were known to grow outside of cultivation. Of these, some 300 have been introduced from other places. Again, perhaps one fourth of the total has disappeared as the hills have been cleared, the shoreline built up and the swamps filled. Within the last few weeks the last known specimen of the California Buckeye in the city has been bulldozed out of existence. Some flowers that have been successful in staying among us were exhibited.

--Wilfred Ward

COMMISSARY HELP WANTED

Operation of supply equipment on summer trips; two categories:

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--Earl Oliver

MOKELUMNE MEANDERINGS

The author was railroaded into this writeup duty after the trip was over, and therefore failed to take notes. So this may be as inaccurate as any other newspaper story.

Some of us went to Camanche on Saturday evening and camped near a bridge across the Mokelumne River. In fact, some of us slept under the bridge since it provided a ready-made roof to keep the rain off. But Barbara Tilden apparently didn't like the bridge because she tried to knock out a strut with her head. Actually, she was dodging poison oak at the time.

Sunday morning we ate breakfast and proceeded to Penn Mine in our normal leisurely fashion. The flotilla of about 13 boats, incuding several doubles, assembled at the rocky but easy put-in spot.

We paddled the six miles or so back to camp in about four hours. The stretch included brush hazards, a lunch stop, fishermen, and some minor rapids. The water flow was rated at 700 second-feet, which means cubic feet per second, since the people who measure rivers apparently know nothing about dimensional consistency.

As to organization, Maryann Danielson acted as noble leader, ably scouting out the proper channels. Earl Oliver was appointed sweep and he took his duties so seriously he tried to sweep the bottom of the river as well as the surface.

Not much else to tell, except that Elsa Bailey ran around in shallow water attempting to ram another boat. And we all had a good time and it didn't rain.

--Earl D. Oliver

THE CURSE (?!) OF THE YODELER

Remember our suggestion of the dark future for the new owner of the boat that disappeared from the top of Bryce Whitmore's car.

In a flash of poetic justice, that's just about what happened. The fellow nearly did drown in the bay, and newspaper write-ups led the law to the thief.

Bryce got his boat back, which didn't do him much good because this very delinquent juvenile, not being able to carry the boat had dragged it several miles from Bryce's to the bay. --HF

SUMMER OUTINGS

Are you planning to participate in one of the Sierra Club's summer outings? If you are, you'll experience one of the most enjoyable, relaxing and inexpensive vacations you could imagine. There are many trips from which to choose: Base Camps; High Trips; River Trips; Burro Trips; Knapsack Trips.

What's your idea of vacation fun? Is it hiking along trails in the high country which wind through lush green meadows carpeted with multi-hued wild flowers; swimming in sparkling blue lakes; fishing in rushing creeks which tumble madly over granite boulders; drifting serenely along on a river trip; and ending each day around a friendly campfire listening to interesting tales?

If you have been on one of the summer outings in the past, then you undoubtedly are looking forward eagerly to another. If this is to be your first summer on one, you will not need to be persuaded to go on another -- you'll hardly be able to wait till the next summer rolls around.

Read the complete details of all summer outings in the March Bulletin and send in your reservation for at least one of the many trips listed. It'll be a memorable vacation and one to which your thoughts will often return.

Many of the trips are almost filled so send in your reservation now! --Dorothy Otto

MILLE GRAZIE!

To all the leaders of the summer outings who did such a magnificent job of presenting the trips that the Club is sponsoring. Your slides, your maps and pictures and, best of all your enthusiasm, at each of the previews was the needle that inoculated many to sign up already. One trip is already sold out.

Thanks too to the audiences that turned out both in the East Bay and in San Francisco. Your questions and your interest kept the speakers on their toes.

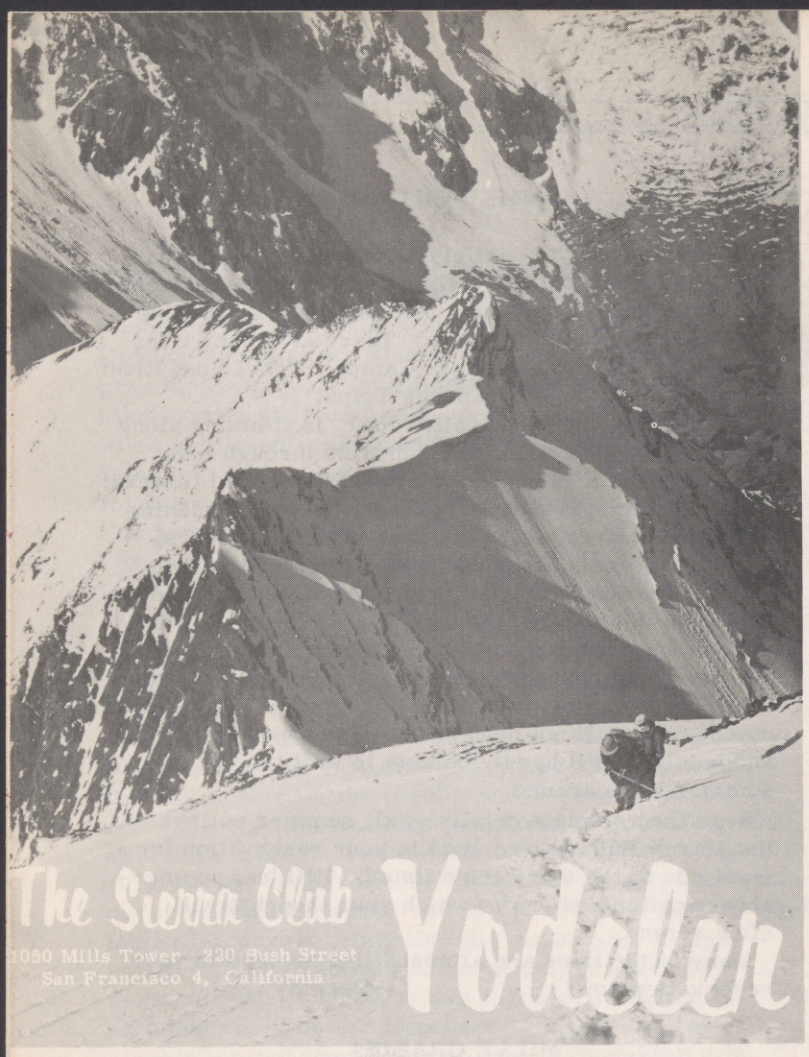
Good summer tripping to leaders Ted Grubb, Oliver Kehrlein, Ned Robinson, Oscar Carlson, Brick Johnson, Alfred Dole, and all your assistants. We'll see you on the trail.

--Tena Catena

MARINE WEEKEND

Leader Bob Jenny reminds us of the June 1 and 2 weekend which is not listed in the schedule. It's at Estrero Beach (near Drake's Bay) and driving there is simple, or call Bob, OLympic 8-5580, for directions.

Bob has arranged for good weather, and also for an 8 a.m. high tide, 3 p.m. low tide. (We don't know what difference that makes, but Bob says--come early). There'll be beachcombing, fishing, playing in the surf and all sorts of other etc. Come for either or both days. If you like to drink unsalted water don't forget to bring that with you.



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FLASH--LAST CHANCE EVER--GLEN CANYON TRIP

The Glen Canyon Trip on the Colorado River is now scheduled and it will be the last time for this trip because of construction of Glen Canyon Dam.

The trip starts on August 27 and the costs is $74.00 plus $6.00 registration fee. There will be 8 or 9 days on the river. Limit is 50 people.

Glen Canyon is a deeply eroded passageway full of brilliant colors, fanciful formations, prehistoric Indian ruins, pictographs and lost mines. Rainbow Bridge is an easy six-mile hike from the stopover at Aztec Canyon. There will be time for leisurely walks in some of the magnificent side canyons during the trip.

This trip is not scheduled in the March Bulletin so if you wish further details, write to Club Office, 1050 Mills Tower, San Francisco 4. It is a beautiful and scenic trip and one you will always remember.

-- Dorothy Otto

COVER PHOTO

Above camp 2, about 18,000 elevation, on Rakaposhi, in the Himalayas. Photo by Bob Swift, looking down on British Climbers Mike Banks and Hamish MacInnes.

HELP NEEDED

Would you, and your wife, like to spend 2-plus months this summer on beautiful Mt. Shasta as custodians at our Shasta Alpine Lodge? Nice surroundings, no automobiles, interesting visitors, simple duties and we even pay a moderate "salary" which would cover your expenses. If interested, please contact Larry Burnley, 839 Santa Barbara Road, Berkeley 7; telephone LAndscape 4-4742 (evenings). P.S. We still have a similar opening at LeConte Memorial Lodge in Yosemite.

BELT AND BUCKLE SPECIAL

Men--get your girl friends a really useful gift -- a little handy belt purse for wearing with jeans, or perhaps what was described to us as "a sort of wide belt-like thing which fits over where the blouse and the skirt join."

Girls--if your fellow doesn't take the hint, get one direct.

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